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Date: January 22, 2007

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: ESTROGEN RECEPTOR GENES AND UTILIZATION THEREOF

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**  
**AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2006. This response is being timely filed in view of the submission herewith of a Petition for Extension of Time (one month) to and including January 22, 2007 (January 21 being a Sunday), including authorization to charge fees.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows, where deleted language is stricken through or contained within double brackets and inserted language is underlined.